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Response under 37 C.F.R. 1.116
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Examining Group. 1644
Attorney Docket No. P21675

In re application of: Akira YAMAMOTO et al.

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Application No. : 09/994,784

Group Art Unit : 1644

Filed : November 28, 2001

Examiner : M.A. Belyavskyi

For : CARRIER HAVING IMMOBILIZED ANTIGENS OR ANTIBODIES AND METHOD OF
MANUFACTURING THEREOF

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Commissioner for Patents
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Customer Service Window, Mail Stop AF
Randolph Building
401 Dulany Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a **Reply under 37 C.F.R. 1.116** in the above-captioned application.

- ☐ Small Entity Status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a previously filed statement.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- ☐ A Request for Extension of Time.
- ☒ No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

Claims After Amendment	No. Claims Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Small Entity		Other Than A Small Entity	
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Indep. Claims: 1	**3	0	x100=	\$	x200=	\$0.00
Multiple Dependent Claims Presented			+180=	\$	+360=	\$0.00
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N/A A check in the amount of \$ ____ to cover the *filing/extension* fee is included.X The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.X Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16.X Any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17, including any required extension of time fees in any concurrent or future reply requiring a petition for extension of time for its timely submission (37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)(3)).

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IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED MARCH 11, 2005

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Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed March 11, 2005, which sets a three-month shortened statutory period for response until June 13, 2005 (June 11, 2005 being a Saturday).

Applicants note that this response is being filed by the initial due date for response whereby an extension of time and government fees associated therewith should not be necessary for maintaining the pendency of the application. However, if any extensions of time are required to maintain the pendency of this application, including any extension of time for entry of an Examiner's Amendment, this is an express request for any required extension of time, and authorization to charge any required extension of time fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Entry of the following reply and reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of record are respectfully requested.

The **Listing of Claims** appears in the Amendment filed January 4, 2005.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.